

**OPIOID USE AMONG SENIORS**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine opioid use among seniors, focusing on issues and emerging trends, after receiving testimony from Sean Cavanaugh, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Ann Maxwell,

Assistant Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Jerome Adams, Indiana State Department of Health, Indianapolis; Steve Diaz, MaineGeneral Health, Augusta; and Sean Mackey, Stanford University School of Medicine Division of Pain Medicine, Palo Alto, California.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 4596–4611; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 624, were introduced. **Pages H891–92**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H893**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3004, to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission (H. Rept. 114–430);

H.R. 2880, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–431);

H.R. 812, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–432);

H.R. 1475, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–433);

H.R. 3371, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–434); and

H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–435). **Page H891**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H857**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H862**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Perry Thompson, Freedom

Chapel International Christian Center, Washington, DC. **Page H862**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act:* S. 238, to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons; **Pages H865–69**

*Amending the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission:* H.R. 3004, to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission; **Pages H875–76**

*Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act:* H.R. 2880, amended, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia; **Pages H876–77**

*Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act:* H.R. 1475, amended, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance; **Pages H877–79**

*Indian Trust Asset Reform Act:* H.R. 812, amended, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform; **Pages H879–84**

*Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act:* H.R. 3371, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill; and **Pages H884–86**

*Amending the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National*

**Recreation Area:** H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

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**Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act of 2016—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 618, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 86, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 85. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, February 25th.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued a Proclamation to modify and continue the national emergency declared in Proclamations 6867 and 7757, relating to Cuba—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–102).

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**Senate Referral:** S. 2234 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on House Administration.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H873 and H873–74. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State of the Rural Economy”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the United States Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, United States Forest Service; and Tony Dixon, Budget Director, United States Forest Service.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard

from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of State and Foreign Assistance. Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary, Department of State.

### APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on USDA Food and Nutrition Service. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Angela Tagtow, Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Loretta Lynch, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### UNITED STATES EUROPEAN COMMAND

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on United States European Command. Testimony was heard from Philip M. Breedlove, United States Air Force, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Commander, United States European Command. This hearing was closed.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Anthony Foxx, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from Al Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.